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Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500
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Re: Third Draft – Delta Plan

Dear Chairman Isenberg and Members of the Council:

A coalition of agencies and organizations representing the interests of water agencies, businesses and farms, and local government (coalition) from every part of the State of California submitted two comment letters on Friday, May 6, 2011 to the Delta Stewardship Council (Council). The first letter expressed commonly held concerns regarding the approach the Council is taking in developing the Delta Plan. The second letter provided specific comments on the third draft of the Delta Plan (Third Draft).

The San Juan Water District has been an active participant in this coalition. On April 8, 2011, we supported, with our signature, the coalition's first letter to the Council, and we continue to support the comments, conclusions and recommendations expressed therein. We have had a chance to read the coalition letters, and we fully support the positions taken in each letter. While we acknowledge and appreciate that there have been some significant and important improvements to the Third Draft of the Delta Plan, many of the fundamental concerns we identified in the April 8, 2011, coalition letter have not been resolved in the Third Draft.

We remain committed to working toward comprehensive Delta solutions that reflect the coequal goals and do not redirect impacts to water users outside of the Delta.

Sincerely,

Shauna Lorange
General Manager
San Juan Water District